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SUBJ: PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 WORLD RADIO CONFERENCE

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED UPCOMING WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE (WARC), TO BE HELD GENEVA 1979 UNDER AUSPICES OF INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ITU), WITH PASCAL A.S. MUKASA, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICER, EAST AFRICAN EXTERNAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CO., LTD., ENTITY OWNED BY THREE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC).

2. BECAUSE OF CURRENT AGGRAVATED CRISIS WITHIN COMMUNITY, MUKASA EXPECTS EXTELCOMS BREAK UP BEFORE END OF 1977 AND IS IN FACT QUIETLY LOOKING FOR NEW EMPLOYMENT.

3. ACCORDING MUKASA, BOTH KENYA AND UGANDA SEE MAJOR WARC ISSUES TO BE GEOSTATIONARY SYNCHRONOUS ORBIT. BOTH SUPPORT DECLARATION BY EQUATORIAL COUNTRIES THAT ORBIT IS PHYSICAL FACT BASED IN GRAVITY, NOT PART OF OUTER SPACE, AND IT THEREFORE NATURAL RESOURCE OF EQUATORIAL COUNTRIES. THEY

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CONTEND THAT VALUE OF ORBIT WILL INCREASE RAPIDLY TOGETHER WITH DEVELOPMENT OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY AND WITH GROWING NEED FOR COMMUNICATION. EQUATORIAL COUNTRIES CLAIM SOVEREIGNTY OVER THIS NATURAL RESOURCE.

3. POSITION PAPER SIGNED BY BOTH KENYA AND UGANDA IN BOGOTA DECEMBER 3, 1976. PLS ADVISE IF COPY UNAVAILABLE WASHINGTON.

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